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ROLL OF MEMBERS, 1865.

Rt. Rev. JOSEPH J. CLINTON, Superintendent.
Residence, No. 1040, Lombard street, Philadelphia.

Rev. Amos York and
" Joseph A. Beebe, } Secretaries.

ELDERS.

John Williams,
Edward H. Hill,
Samson Copper,
Henry W. Jones,
Jas. W. Hood,
Jacob B. Trusty,
Joseph Green,
George W. Price,
Ellis Lavender,
Alfred Anderson,
Wm. J. Moore,
R. B. Hampton,
William H. Pitts.

DEACONS.

Jeffery Overton,
Thomas Henderson,
Abraham G. Smith,
Elijah R. Brown,
John Alexander,
G. B. Farmer,
Abel Furbee,
Francis B. Moore,
Moses A. Moore,
William H. Hilliry,*
Andrew Jordan,
——— Learey,
Andrew Cartwright,
Horace Clinton,
Shadrick Moore,
Wyatt Walker,
John Woddell.

PREACHERS.

George Blunt,†
Anthony Murphy,
Parris Jackson.†

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* Bro. Hilliry was elected to Elders' Orders and will probably be ordained in April.

† The persons thus marked were elected to Deacons' Orders if they were found qualified and the Bishop should find it necessary to ordain them.

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MINUTES.

THE Second Annual Session of the North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church in America, was held in Purvice Chapel, Beaufort, N. C., commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., Dec. 26th, 1865, Bishop J. J. Clinton, Supt. of the 4th Episcopal District, presiding.

The Chairman read the 13th chapter of Paul to Heb., and also the hymn commencing,

"Jesus, united by Thy grace."

After singing, (as above,) Elder John Williams addressed the Throne of Grace. After prayer the Chairman proceeded to deliver his annual address. This address was extremely interesting. He gave a brief history of his labors in the Louisiana District, from which we learned that he had organized a great number of churches, containing in the aggregate not less than 10,000 members. The Superintendent having taken his seat, Amos York was elected Secretary, and Joseph A. Beebe, Assistant Secretary. James W. Hood was elected Reporter and Compiler.

The Roll being called the major part of the members answered to their names. The Chairman proceeded to examine the character of the members.

The name of Elder John Williams being called and there appearing nothing against him, he was requested to give an account of his labors, after which, on motion, his character passed. Elder J. W. Hood was next called, and after giving an interesting account of his labors, his character passed. Elder Ellis Lavender being called, interested the conference with a short history of his labors through the past year, after which his character passed. Elder E. H. Hill, next called, gave an interesting account of his labors, and his character passed.

It being now quarter to one o'clock, Conference adjourned to meet at two P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton, presiding. The roll being called and the minutes of the morning session being read and approved, Deacon H. W. Jones was called and gave a satisfactory account of his labors, after which as there appeared nothing against him, his character passed. Deacon Samson Copper's character being under examination, Elder Hood took occasion to say that of all the ministers that had labored in this district during this year he thought none deserved more credit than Deacon Copper, for while others had suffered themselves to be entangled with farms and other lucrative employments, he had taken his life in his hand, placing himself and all he had upon the alter of God—he had gone forth bearing the precious seed of the gospel. After which Bro. Copper's character passed. The character of Deacon Joseph Green and Abel Furbee were examined and passed. Also the character of preacher Amos York having been examined, passed.

The Chairman now proceeded to ask the Discipline questions.

Question No. 1. Who are admitted on trial? *Answer.* Geo. Blunt, Anthony Merphy.

Ques. No. 2. Who remain on trial? *Ans.* G. Blunt, A. Merphy.

Ques. No. 3. Who are admitted in full connection? *Ans.*

Geo. W. Price,
Robert B. Hampton,
Francis B. Moore,
Thomas Henderson,
Joseph A. Beebe,
Wyatt Walker,
Moses A. Moore,
Parris Jackson,
——— Leary,
Horace Clinton,
Jeffery Overton,
Shadrick Moore,
Abraham Smith,
Gabriel B. Farmer,
John Alexander,
Andrew Cartwright,
Andrew Jordan,
Elijah R. Brown,
John Woddell.

The following persons were received by transfer from other conference districts:

Jacob B. Trusty,
William H. Pitts,
Alfred Anderson,
William H. Hilliry.

It was, on motion, resolved, that we hold a conference prayer meeting each morning to commence at 9 and close at 10 o'clock. Appointments for the evening: Purvice Chapel, F. B. Moore, assisted by J. A. Beebe. To hold prayer meet-

ing on Wednesday morning, Jeffery Overton and Andrew Cartwright.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Benediction by the Chairman.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday morning, Dec. 27th, the Conference assembled at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton presiding.

After repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert, led by the Bishop, the roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Chairman stated that it was necessary to have rules for the government of the Conference.

Elder Hood moved that the rules used for the government of the last Conference be adopted by this, (subject to whatever alteration or amendment may be necessary.) Agreed to.

The following list of Committees were announced:

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship.—Ellis Lavender, John Williams.
On Missions.—John Williams, J. W. Hood, R. B. Hampton.
On the State of the Country.—J. W. Hood, John Williams, A. G. Smith.
On Education.—E. Lavender, Horace Clinton, Amos York.
On Sabbath Schools.—Wyatt Walker, Jas. Green, Jos. A. Beebe.
On Finance.—Ellis Lavender, J. W. Hood, Abel Furbee.
On Rules.—H. W. Jones, J. A. Beebe, Samson Copper.
On Holy Orders.—J. W. Hood, J. Williams, E. Lavender.
On Temperance.—G. W. Price, A. Cartwright, F. B. Moore.
On Credentials of Lay Delegates.—W. J. Moore, A. Gordon, Thomas Henderson.
On Circuits and Stations.—J. W. Hood, J. Williams, R. B. Hampton.
On Complaints.—E. H. Hill, J. Williams, E. Lavender.
On Post Office.—S. Copper, H. W. Jones.

The Chairman resumed the consideration of the Discipline Questions 4. Who are eligible to Deacons' Orders? *Ans.* See report of the Committee on Orders, page 19.

5. Who are eligible to Elders' Orders? *Ans.* See as above.

6. Who have located this year? *Ans.* None.

7. Who have withdrawn? *Ans.* None.

8. Who are supernumeraries? *Ans.* None.

9. Who are superannuated and worn out preachers? *Ans.* None.

10. Who are our Missionaries? *Ans.* See appointments.

11. Who have died? *Ans.* None.

12. Who have been expelled? *Ans.* None.

13. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conduct? *Ans.* They have all been examined and passed except Deacon David Gray.

14. What numbers are in Sabbath Schools? *Ans.* See Statistical Table.

Appointments for the evening. Purvice Chapel, T. Henderson, assisted by S. Moore. Baptist Church, W. J. Moore and Moses A. Moore.

Conference adjourned to meet at two, P. M.

Benediction by Elder Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Clinton presiding. The roll was called, the rules were read and the minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

Resumption of the Discipline Questions.

15. What new societies have been received into this district? *Ans.* See note under Statistical Table.

16. What numbers are in Society? *Ans.* See Statistical Table.

17. Are there any appeals? *Ans.*

18. Who have been suspended. *Ans.* David Cray.

19. Who have been dropped? *Ans.* None.

At this point Mr. Hugh McCrossam was introduced to the Conference and delivered an address upon the importance of Sabbath Schools, at the conclusion of which he proposed that if the Churches in this District would raise $500 for the support of Sabbath Schools, he would give $100 for the same, making $600. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his encouraging remarks, after which the Conference adjourned to meet on Thursday morning according to rule.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of Church. Location.	Membership.					Sab. School.		Finance.			
	Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Total.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Amount of Sup't money received.	Amount Due.	Collection for Conference.	For Missions.
*Wilmington, N. C.,	350	40	1		391	150	8	$11.50	$76.00	101.00	$00.00
*Fayetteville, "	325	60	2	4	391	150	12	45.00	38.25		
*Smithville, "	54	6			60	42	3	1.50	12.00		
*Town Creek, "	53	23			76				13.25		
*Camden, "	41				41				10.25		
*Charlotte, "	200		1		201	80	6	20.00	30.00		
*Saulsbury, "	86	10			96			33.00			
*Rockville, "	50				50				12.50		
*Mount Zion, "	60	4			64			1.05	13.95		
*Pineville, "	400		1		401				100.00		
*Clear Creek, "	70	6	1		77				17.50		
*Goldsboro, "	100	50			150	300	2	20.00	5.00		
*Kingston, "	115		1	4	120	100		6.00			
Andrew Chapel, Newbern,	581	176	2	12	771	406	31	150.00		11.90	104.00
Clinton " "	63	4		1	68			9.00	6.50	2.00	
Camp Palmer,	75	6		1	82				18.75		
Red Hill,	50				50				12.80		
Pasqu'nk Chapel, James C.,	170	30	1		201	250	6	2.00			
Block House, "	294	109			403	294	7	8.00	65.50		
Kimball Chapel,	157	5	1	1	164	120	6	7.00	32.25		
Price Creek,	70	7			77				18.00		
Hancock,	63	5			67				16.00		
Clumfort,	95	7			102						
*Havelock Station,	16	5			21				4.00		
*Bethel,	46	25	2	4	77				11.50		
Hull Swamp,	46	20	2	4	72	40	3	13.00			
Horehead City,	30	12			42	36	2	5.33	2.00	5.00	55.00
Purvice Chapel, Beaufort,	212	57	2		271	238	19	27.56	25.00	170.50	
*Tarboro,	57				57			4.00			
*Greenville,	53				53						
Zion Chapel, Roanoke I.,	350	50			400	275	10		75.00		
Little Zion, "	50	25			75				12.00		
*Chapel, Elizabeth City,	117	17			134	150	4			5.00	
*New Land,	100				100				25.00		
*Bay Branch,	52				52				13.00		
*Gum Bridge,	200				200				50.00		
*Hurtford,	152	4			156				38.50		
*Edenton,	107	2			109	270	6		26.75		
*Cedar Grove,	200	27			227				50.00		
*Oak Hill,	84	5			89				21.00		
*North River,	16				16				4.00		
*Greenville, Tennessee,	40				40	100	10		10.00		
*Henderson Station, "	22				22	32	2		5.50		
*Ashville, "	350				350	100	8		87.50		
*Knoxville, "	100				100				25.00		
*Eastport, "	100				100				25.00		
*Chattanooga, "	15				15				3.75		
*Clearville, "	30				30				7.50		
*Alters, "	46				46				11.50		
*Petersburgh, Va.,	375	35			410				91.00		
Total,	6488	832	17	31	7267	2834	145		1126 75	194.40	169.00

* This marks the new Societies, 35 in number.

THURSDAY MORNING, December 28th.

Conference assembled at 10 A. M., and was opened according to rule, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton presiding. Several letters were read from the different churches, from which it appeared that there had been extensive revivals throughout the district. A letter from Andrew Chapel, Newbern, contained $11.90 for the Conference; one from Fayetteville contained $10; one from Morehead City contained $5; one from Kimball Chapel contained $3; one from Clinton Chapel contained $5—$2 for the Conference and $3 for the Superintendent; one from the Daughters of Clinton in Elizabeth City contained $5. A vote of thanks was tendered for the above liberal donations. A petition was received from the congregation worshiping in Purvice Chapel, Beaufort, requesting the re-appointment of Rev. Ellis Lavender to that charge for the ensuing Conference year. Also petitions from several other churches were received requesting the return of their respective pastors. The appointments for the evening were read as follows: Purvice Chapel, J. Overton, assisted by A. Cartwright; Baptist Church, G. W. Price, J. Green. The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report as follows:

REPORT.

We, your committee, having considered the condition of the Sabbath Schools within this Conference district, we are pleased to be able to inform this honorable body that they are in a flourishing condition. Many precious children have found the Pearl of Great Price, and are now happily under the influence of saving grace. In view, therefore, of the favorable opportunity afforded us of extending the influence of this blessed institution—

Resolved, That it be the duty of each minister in charge to impress upon his congregation the importance of availing themselves of its high privileges.

Resolved, That we urge upon our young men and women the importance of qualifying themselves to fill important stations in this branch of the church. And that we recommend to our churches the importance of encouraging those now capable by appointing them as superintendents and teachers in our Sabbath Schools.

The following amendment was offered by J. W. Hood, and was accepted by the committee:

Whereas, from the Sabbath School, the nursery of the church, we expect the material out of which to organize the Army of Reserve to carry forth the hallowed crusade of mercy and grace; and whereas there are thousands who would attend

the Sabbath School but for the want of books which they have not means to obtain; therefore—

Resolved, that it be the duty of each minister to preach at least one sermon annually on behalf of the Sabbath School, at which time a collection shall be taken up to create a fund to supply books for the destitute.

WYATT WALKER,
JOSEPH GREEN,
JOSEPH A. BEEBE, } *Committee.*

Pending the adoption of this report the Conference adjourned to meet according to rule.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled according to rule, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton presiding. After the necessary opening preliminaries, the consideration of the report on Sabbath Schools was resumed. The subject was discussed by several members, also by Mr. McCrassan, who wished, with the consent of the Conference, to change his proposition. He now proposes to place $100 in the hands of the bishop, to be expended as follows: whenever a church in this district will raise $10 and send to the bishop, he is to add $10, and send them $20 worth of books, and so on, till the $100 are expended. This change was thankfully acquiesced in, and the money was handed over. The same gentleman had previously given the Superintendent $25, to be used as he thought best. The motion to adopt the report was unanimously agreed to. Brother Price made a report of his endeavors to raise money to purchase a church for the Society in Wilmington, after which the Conference adjourned to meet on Friday morning according to rule. Benediction by Brother York.

FRIDAY MORNING, December 29th.

Conference assembled at 10 o'clock, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton presiding. The session was opened according to rule. The report of the Committee on Circuits and Stations was received and adopted, for which see appointments. The delegates from Hull Swamp and Morehead City made known to the Conference the wish of their respective churches, after which the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment, Superintendent J. J. Clinton presiding. The session was opened according to rule. The Committee on Complaints made their report. They recommend the suspension of David Crey for one

year. In the complaint against Ellis Lavender they find nothing worthy of their consideration. The report was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Country was received and adopted.

REPORT.

We your committee appointed to consider the state of the country would respectfully report the following:

At the rise of the last annual session of this body our beloved country was involved in a civil war. Forces were gathering on every hand for the final conflict. How long the storm would last no one could tell. What would be the final result could be clearly discerned by all far seeing men. But when that result could be reached was yet an insolved problem. The most gigantic efforts were to be put forth, and the mightiest battles ever witnessed were to be fought. The great stronghold of the Confederacy was yet to be reduced. Many at that time were hopeful—some were doubtful; but in the short period of twelve months more has been accomplished than the most sanguine could have expected. The cannon's roar is no longer heard. The shricks of the wounded are hushed. The groans of the dying have ceased; and by the blessing of God we are again permitted to enter upon an era of peace with a glorious future before us—an era of liberty such as no people or nation ever enjoyed. And although the baneful effects of war are still visible, yet we now have time to bind up the wounds that four years of war have made. The removal of the chief executive of the nation by the hand of an assassin is a source of the deepest regret to us as a people. In his death the oppressed throughout the world have lost a friend, and republicanism has lost one of its ablest supporters. Nevertheless we have confidence in his successor. And

Whereas, For the preservation of peace it is necessary that all just laws should be obeyed; therefore—

Resolved, That we will at all times counsel obedience to lawful authority, and impress upon our people the necessity of honesty and industry, that the lands may be cultivated, the wastes built up, and that the desolate parts of the land may bud and blossom as a rose.

Resolved, That as this is our native land, here we design to stay, acting our part as patriotic citizens, engaging in every thing that will conduce to the well being of the entire people of this our beloved country.

J. W. Hood,
John Williams,
Abel Furbee,
} *Committee.*

The Committee on business made their report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT.

In view of the necessity of an efficient ministry we recommend to this Conference the propriety of looking well to the qualifications of the men ordained and sent forth to feed the flock of Christ; and

Whereas, Very little of the Superintendent's money has been collected:

Resolved, That it be the duty of each minister to endeavor to collect every cent due from the church of which he may have charge.

And whereas, The *Anglo-African* is a paper that is worthy of and has a just claim to the benefit of our influence. Therefore—

Resolved, That each minister endeavor to obtain subscribers to that paper.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. PRICE,
W. J. MOORE,
F. B. MOORE, } *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

In view of the degrading influence of intemperance,

Resolved, That it be the duty of each minister belonging to this Conference to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, and to urge upon his congregation the propriety of following his example. And as the Apostle exhorts us to sobriety in all things,

Resolved, That it be our duty to abstain from the use of Tobacco, while in the house of God, and to teach our people to observe the same rule.

Resolved, That we recommend the propriety of organizing Temperance Societies in our Sabbath Schools.

G. W. PRICE,
A. CARTWRIGHT,
F. B. MOORE, } *Committee.*

Report received and adopted, after which the Conference adjourned to meet on Saturday morning according to rule.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30th.

Conference assembled at ten o'clock, and was opened according to rule, Supt. Clinton presiding.

Bro. Green from the Committee on Education reported.

REPORT.

We, your Committee, having taken into consideration the subject of education among our people, are happy to be able to report that when compared with that period when we could only look through a glass darkly, education is now in a flourishing condition. Nevertheless it will devolve upon the ministry to keep the importance of this subject constantly before the people; otherwise we can not expect the blessings of this favorable opportunity to be fully realized.

The importance of establishing day schools wherever it is possible can not be too strongly urged.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our (white) friends who have sacrificed so much to extend the blessings of education to the rising generation of our people. And as we should not be a burden to our friends any longer than is necessary,

Resolved, That we urge upon our people the necessity of encouraging colored teachers wherever capable ones can be obtained.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the laudable enterprise of the American and British Freedmen's Commission of which Bishop Clinton is President, and which has for its object the temporal, moral and intellectual improvement of our people, and that we will give said institution our united co-operation.

Resolved, That the plan proposed by Rev. B. T. Roberts, of erecting a Manual Labor School in this state is of the highest importance, and, should the proposition be carried into operation we will use every effort to have it sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAVENDER,
H. CLINTON,
A. YORK,
} *Committee.*

The report was received and adopted.

The Conference proceeded to organize a Conference Literary Society.* The committee appointed to draft a constitution, made their report, as follows:

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* The names of the officers of this Society not being recorded on the journal can not be found.—COMPILER.

CONSTITUTION OF THE N. C. A. C. LITERARY SOCIETY.

Article I.

This Society shall be known as the N. C. Conference Literary Society. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

Article II.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and see that the business is properly conducted.

Article III.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President and to assist him when present.

Article IV.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record all the proceedings of the Society that is necessary to be written, receive all moneys and pay them over to the Treasurer.

Article V.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hand of the Secretary and keep a just account of the same, pay none out without an order from the president, attested by the Secretary.

Article VI.

It shall be the duty of each member to write an essay annually, choosing their own topic. The awards shall be for the best production, $4; second best, $2; third, $1.

After the adoption of the above Constitution, Conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment and was opened according to rule, Supt. Clinton, presiding.

The Committee on Missions made their report which was adopted.

REPORT.

We, your Committee, are happy to be able to report, that notwithstanding the many difficulties that have confronted us our missionary efforts have been abundantly blessed. At

the rise of the last Conference our efforts were necessarily confined to a comparatively small space in the eastern part of this state. But by the blessing of Divine Providence the way has been opened and our missionaries have extended their labors west to the Father of Waters, and north and south to the boundaries of this Conference District. An effectual door has been opened and every where the people receive the gospel gladly; and the Macedonian cry is still heard, "Come over and help us." The greatest difficulty seems to be the want of men and means; but especially the want of means. When we consider how favorable the present opportunity is for extending the borders of our beloved Zion, we deeply regret the apparent indifference of our elder sister Conferences, which have failed even to send a delegate to this Conference. From the New England Conference we expected more than from any other, and yet we are at a loss to understand how it is that we have received so small a portion of the large amount collected in that district for the Southern Mission. Nevertheless, God being our helper, we will go forward, and

Whereas, it is evident that our success must depend greatly upon our own efforts, therefore,

Resolved, That we organize a Conference Mission Board in this district, and that we recommend to each society in this Conference District the propriety of organizing missionary societies, which shall be auxiliary to the Con. M. B., and that each pastor be required to preach four mission sermons annually and take up as many collections in behalf of the missionary society, and that each local society be requested to make what remittance they can to the Conference Fund, at least once in three months.

Resolved, That we learn with extreme delight the cheering intelligence of the wonderful success of our beloved bishop, (J. J. Clinton,) who has traveled by day and by night, endured sickness and danger, and almost death itself, to plant the standard of Zion in the far South. He has visited every state this side of the Mississippi, and has unfurled our banner in them all.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the favors we have received from many of the ministers of the M. E. Church, South, who have extended the friendly hand and cheered our hearts when we were ready to faint. And while we would not make invidious distinctions, we must be permitted to mention the name of Rev. Dr. McTere of Montgomery, Rev. Dr. T. W. Dorman of Mobile, Rev. Mr. Burk-

head of Wilmington, Rev. Mr. Hudson of Fayetteville, Rev. J. Suydam of Newbern and Rev. J. Rumley of Beaufort. God grant that our merits may gain their future favor.

And whereas, Moses was not permitted to lead the children of Israel into the promised land because he called his brethren rebels, and as our Saviour has pronounced an awful sentence upon those who say Raca, and more so upon those who say, thou fool, and as we are ministers of the gospel of peace, therefore

Resolved, That it be our duty to avoid all irritative expressions both in our private and public discourse, that we may be wholesome examples to our congregations, teaching them to remember that

> "Hard names at first and threatening words
> Which are but noisy breath,
> May grow to clubs and naked swords,
> To murder unto death."

JOHN WILLIAMS,
J. W. HOOD,
R. B. HAMPTON, } *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Orders.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the qualifications of Candidates for Holy Orders, having examined the dersons herein named, upon history, doctrine and discipline, po recommend the following:—1st, for Deacons' Orders, R. B. Hampton, G. W. Price, Thomas Henderson, Amos York, F. B. Moore, John Alexander, H. Clinton, Andrew Jordan, J. Overton, J. A. Beebe, A. Cartwright, A. G. Smith, M. A. Moore, S. Moore, E. R. Brown, Wyatt Walker:—2d, for Elders' Orders, William J. Moore, H. W. Jones, Samson Copper, Jos. Green, Geo. W. Price, R. B. Hampton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HOOD,
J. WILLIAMS,
E. LAVENDER, } *Committee.*

The report was received, and the persons recommended were elected to Orders. Wm. H. Hilliry, Purvice Jackson, John Woddell, G. W. Farmer and G. Blunt were also elected to Orders, provided they be found qualified and the Supt. deem it necessary to ordain them.

J. W. Hood, G. W. Price and W. J. Moore were appointed a committee to draw up an appeal for books for Sabbath Schools. It was, on motion,

Resolved, That Richard Tucker be appointed Book Steward for this District. Appointments for the Sabbath, Purvice Chapel; at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton; 3 P. M., W. H. Pitts; at night, J. W. Hood.

Elder Pitts was called upon to give satisfaction for not appearing in Conference at an earlier period; although his reasons were not entirely satisfactory, his character was permitted to pass after he had promised to do better in future.

Conference adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, Jan. 1st, 1866.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened according to rule, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton, presiding.

The Chairman called up those members who were ordained on the Sabbath, and presented them their credentials, delivering at the same time an impressive address, urging them in the first place to keep their credentials clean, and also to keep their ministerial garments unspotted from the world. It was on motion resolved that each member pay twenty-five cents annually for the support of the Conference Literary Society. Brother Hill having complained that he was out of pocket about $25 by publishing Minutes, the Conference agreed to assume the debt. It was on motion resolved that each member should name the amount of Minutes that they would want, and that they be responsible to the publisher for that amount. The following amounts were ordered:

G. W. Price,	25	W. H. Pitts,	25
H. W. Jones,	10	S. Copper,	25
Joseph Green,	25	Amos York,	25
J. Williams,	30	E. Lavender,	25
S. Moore,	10	H. Clinton,	25
A. G. Smith,	10	Wyatt Walker,	25
A. Cartwright,	10	R. B. Hampton,	25
J. A. Beebe,	25	F. B. Moore,	25
W. J. Moore,	25	Andrew Jordon,	10
T. Henderson,	20	M. A. Moore,	10
John Alexander,	25	E. H. Hill,	25
E. R. Brown,	25	J. W. Hood,	30
Whole amount ordered,			515

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled at 2 o'clock, and was opened according to rule, Superintendent Clinton presiding. The Committee on Appeal reported the following:

An Appeal from the New England Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in America to the Benevolent Public.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the Conference to draw up an appeal on behalf of thousands who are suffering for the want of intellectual food, do herein state that from our own observation by the reports of the brethren who are in attendance here, and especially from the report of Bishop J. J. Clinton, who has traveled very extensively through the South, we have learned that notwithstanding the great efforts that have been put forth to establish schools among the freedmen, yet there are great masses of them who have no books nor means to obtain them. We therefore appeal to the generous public in their behalf. The members of this Conference, numbering thirty-six, will go forth to their different fields of labor, to organize churches, and to gather the lost sheep of the House of Israel. They are instructed by the bishop and Conference to organize both Sabbath and day schools wherever it is possible. But without books they can not do much. We know that there are thousands whose hearts overflow with benevolence toward this long-oppressed people, and who only need to be informed in what way they can do them good. Some have old books which they would gladly give; others would take pleasure in buying new ones, while others would prefer to give the money if they knew where to send it. To all of those who feel thus interested, either in this or the old countries, we would say that any donation, either of money or books, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied, and may be sent to Bishop J. J. Clinton, No. 1040 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, Pa., or to Rev. Amos York, Newbern, N. C.

Signed, J. W. Hood, G. W. Price, M. J. Moore, } *Committee.*

The report was received and adopted, and ordered to be sent to the *Anglo-African* for publication.

20*th Discipline Question.*—Where are the preachers stationed?

Answer.—First District.—Wilmington, John Williams, Elder. Fayetteville, William J. Moore. Smithville and Brunswick, J. Woddell. Sumerville, Town Creek, Fort Anderson and Bluff, A. G. Smith. St. Williams, Cross Creek, Eliottville and Flee Hill, M. A. Moore. New Hope and Lumberton Mission, G. B. Farmer.

Second District.—Charlotte, R. B. Hampton, Elder. Salisbury, Thomas Henderson. Clear Creek, John Alexander. Pineville, Rockville and Mount Zion, F. B. Moore. Lancaster, S. C., Mission, Horace Clinton. Chester, S. C., Mission, Parris Jackson.

Third District.—Kingston, E. H. Hill, Elder. Goldsboro, Andrew Jordan. Mosely Creek and Coe Creek to be supplied.

Fourth District.—Washington, Joseph Green, Elder. Plymouth City, Hide County and South Creek, Shed. Moore.

Fifth District.—Elizabeth City, G. W. Price, Elder. Edenton and Hurtford, Joseph A. Beebe. Union Chapel, Roanoke Island, Abel Furbee. Little Zion and Croatan Mission, A. Cartwright. Gum Bridge, Cedar Grove, Bay Branch, Oak Hill and Newland, Jeffery Overton.

Sixth District.—Newbern, Andrew Chapel, J. W. Hood, Elder. Block House, Jamestown, Amos York. Pasequatank Chapel, E. R. Brown.

Seventh District.—Trenton, Clinton Chapel, H. W. Jones, Elder. Red Hill and Trenton City, Anthony Murphy.

Eighth District.—Beaufort, Pervice Chapel, Morehead City and Hull Swamp, Ellis Lavender, Elder.

Ninth District.—Neuse, Clumfort Creek, Hencock Creek, Bethel, Havelock, Slocum's Creek, Brice Creek and Kimball Chapel, Samson Copper, Elder.

Tenth District.—Petersburg, J. B. Trusty, Elder. Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth and Hampton Mission, Wyatt Walker.

Eleventh District.—Knoxville, Tenn., Alfred Anderson, Elder. Greenville, Ashville, and Henderson st., Tenn., W. H. Hilliary.

Twelfth District.—Tarboro, Greenville and Williamston, N. C., W. H. Pitts, Elder.

21*st Discipline Question.*—When and where shall our next Conference be held.

Answer.—In Wilmington, N. C., on the first Saturday in December, 1866. On motion,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Trustees of Pervice Chapel; also to the congregation; also to the congregation and officery of the Baptist Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered the bishop for the dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, and his impartial manner of making out the appointments.

Adjourned to meet at 7 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference assembled at 7 P. M. for the purpose of organizing a Conference Mission Board, Superintendent Clinton presiding. J. W. Hood moved that we adopt the Constitution of the New England Conference Mission Board. Agreed to. After the election of officers (for which see Appendix) the congregation raised the sum of $25 to make Bishop Clinton a life member of the Board; after which the Conference adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY, January 2d.

Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton presiding, and was opened according to rule. The Finance Committee made their report. Whole amount received $214.00.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton,	$14.75	Rev. A. G. Smith,	$9.00
Rev. John Williams,	12.00	Rev. M. A. Moore,	10.00
Rev. J. W. Hood,	1.50	Rev. H. Clinton,	17.00
Rev. E. H. Hill,	2.50	Rev. J. Alexander,	15.00
Rev. Ellis Lavender,	1.00	Rev. Francis B. Moore,	20.00
Rev. W. J. Moore,	15.00	Rev. T. Henderson,	13.00
Rev. R. B. Hampton,	15.00	Rev. H. W. Jones,	1.50
Rev. G. W. Price,	10.25	Rev. Amos York,	1.50
Rev. Andrew Jordan,	5.00	Rev. E. R. Brown,	1.50
Rev. Andrew Cartwright,	5.00	Rev. William H. Pitts,	2.25
Rev. Wyatt Walker,	14.00	Rev. S. Moore,	2.25
Rev. Jeffery Overton,	8.00	Abel Furbee,	5.00
Rev. Joseph Green,	6.25	Secretaries,	4.00
Rev. Samson Copper,	2.25	Stationery,	2.90

Superintendent Clinton, Joseph A. Beebe, William H. Pitts, and S. Moore, referred to the Mission Board for further appropriations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HOOD,
ELLIS LAVENDER,
ABEL FURBEE, } *Committee.*

The report was received and adopted, the Superintendent delivered his Valedictory, and the Conference adjourned *ultimus*.

J. J. CLINTON, *Superintendent.*

AMOS YORK,
JOSEPH A. BEEBE, } *Secretaries.*

J. W. HOOD, *Compiler.*

APPENDIX.

MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

The Mission Board met in Newbern, January 3d, at 10 o'clock A. M. The following are the officers:

REV. JOHN WILLIAMS, *President.*
H. W. JONES, *Vice-president.*
J. W. HOOD, *Secretary.*
AMOS YORK, *Corresponding Secretary.*
E. H. HILL, *Treasurer.*

Finance Committee.—Ellis Lavender, *Chairman.* G. W. Price, William H. Pitts, William J. Moore, Samson Copper.

The meeting was opened with prayer, after which J. W. Hood stated that the amount in hand would not meet the present demand. He therefore moved that we request the Missionary Society of Newbern to make us an appropriation, which was agreed to; after which the Board proceeded to make arrangements for the ensuing year. The following appropriations were made: To Joseph A. Beebe, $10.25; W. H. Pitts, missionary to Tarboro, &c., $8.00; S. Moore, missionary to Playmouth, $6.75, and to Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton, $25. Balance in hand, 60 cents. The Secretary was authorized to purchase a blank book. It was on motion,

Resolved, That $10 be appropriated toward publishing the Minutes, and that the Constitution of the Mission Fund be printed with the Minutes. After which the meeting adjourned.

Amount of Money Collected and disbursed for Missionary Purposes during the last Year.—There having been no Mission Board organized at the last Conference, we were mostly dependent upon the Missionary Society in Newbern. This Society collected during the year ending January 1st, 1866, the sum of $101.77, and disbursed the following sums:

Paid to E. H. Hill,	Missionary to	Charlotte, N. C.,	$20.00
" F. B. Moore,	"	Raleigh,	21.00
" A. York,	"	Kingston,	3.30
" W. H. Pitts,	"	Charlotte,	16.00
Paid for a blank book,			75.00
Appropriated to the Conference Mission Fund,			25.00
Total amount paid out,			$86.05
Balance in hand,			15.72

A collection of $31 was raised by the church in Beaufort, and expended as follows:

Paid to Richard Tucker for Elder Williams' board,	$10.00
" " " Elder Pitts' Board,	6.00
Paid J. W. Hood, Missionary to Edenton and E. City,	15.00

OFFICERS OF THE ZION MISSIONARY SOCIETY, OF NEWBERN, N. C.

MILLS RICHARDSON, *President.*
FRANCIS LANE, *Vice-president.*
VIRGIL A. CROFFORD, *Secretary.*
LEWIS BRYAN, *Treasurer.*

Standing Committee.—Southey Frumveal, William Hall, Thomas Battle, Abraham Simons, Hameric Linch.

AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The following Missionary Societies have been organized since the adjournment of Conference. The amounts credited to these societies were paid toward the Bishop's traveling expenses.

Daughters of Clinton, (of Wilmington, N. C.)

Mrs. Sarah Avant, President.
Mrs. Rebecca Jones, Vice-President.
Mrs. Fanny Howe, Treasurer.
Mr. C. W. Avant, 1st Guardian and Secretary.
Mr. Alfred Jordan, 2d Guardian.
Amount Contributed, $2.00.

Benevolent Daughters of Clinton, (of Fayetteville, N. C.)

Mrs. Joanna Kelley, President.
Mrs. Mary Hart, Vice-President.
Mrs. Caroline Perry, Secretary.
Mrs. Henrietta Wright, Assistant Secretary.
Mrs. Eliza Williams, Treasurer.
Amount contributed, $3.00.

Benevolent Sons of Clinton, (of Fayetteville, N. C.)

Rev. W. J. Moore, President.
Mr. Thomas Lomax, Vice-President.
Mr. J. S. Leary, Secretary.
Mr. Nichols Brown, Treasurer.
Amount contributed, $3.65.

Daughters of Clinton, (of Salisbury, N. C.)

Mrs. Eveline Green, President.
Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Vice-President.
Mrs. Ellen Henderson, Secretary.
Mrs. Elizabeth Colinvell, Treasurer.

Managers.

Coroline Henderson, Sarah Hardgrove, Judah Littington.
Mr. David Williams, Guardian.
Mr. Samuel Johnson, Marshall.

Amount contributed, $10.00.

Daughters of Clinton, (of Charlotte, N. C.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Sykes, President.
Mrs. Sarah Davidson, Vice-President.
Mrs. Elle Setty, Treasurer.
Mrs. Virginia Henderson, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Angeline C. Crane, Cor. Secretary.

Managers.

Mrs. Nancy Butler, Mrs. Clarendon Bethel, Rebecca Perry.
Rev. R. B. Hampton, Guardian.
Hon. J. T. Schenck, Marshall.

Amount contributed, $10.00.

Sons of Clinton, (of Charlotte, N. C.)

Mr. Edmund Davidson, President.
Mr. John A. Grant, Vice-President.
Mr. Washington Blake, Treasurer.
Mr. E. H. Gaught, Recording Secretary.
Mr. S. T. Schenck, Corresponding Secretary.

Managers.

Richard Smith, W. J. Bethel, Franklin Kennedy.

Sons and Daughters of Clinton, (of Petersburg, Va.)

Mrs. ——— ———, President.
Mrs. Anna Jackson, Vice-President.
Mr. James E. King, Rec. Secretary.
Mr. Joseph P. Evans, Cor. Secretary.
Mr. Patsy Farley, Treasurer.

Managers.

Charles Heath, Mary A. Shover, Glenning Hanson, Mary Brooks, Jarah Johnson.
Rev. J. B. Trusty, Guardian.
Amount contributed, $3.00.

Daughters of Clinton, (of Elizabeth City.)

This Society contributed $5.00, which was received in Conference, but the names of the officers were not given.

Constitution of the Home and Foreign Mission Fund of the N. C. Annual Conference.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

This Institution shall be known as the North Carolina Annual Conference Mission Fund. Its object shall be to aid those preachers who are engaged as our missionaries when necessity requires it.

Article II.

Section 1. The fund shall be under the control of a board of officers chosen annually from the North Carolina Annual Conference, who shall be subject to said Conference where they shall report the state of the funds and the progress of the mission, its wants annually, with every other necessary information that may be of interest connected therewith.

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Finance Committee and Agent.

Sec. 2. The President shall conduct the affairs of the Institution, preside in all its meetings, call meetings when expedient in accordance with the provision herein made.

Sec. 3. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President and perform the same duties. He may act as Chairman of the Finance Committee whenever deemed expedient by the Board.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall receive all moneys and pay the same to the Treasurer, keep a correct record of the entire proceedings of the Institution whatever it may be, and make out its annual report for the Annual Conference.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall hold and be responsible for all money put in his hand, nor disburse it in any other way than prescribed by the Constitution or otherwise directed by the Board.

Sec. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the entire correspondence of the Institution, so far as it does not interfere with the financial arrangements of the Board, nevertheless he is not restricted when his duty is involved in that arrangement, or money forwarded him for the fund, or matters referred to him not implied or understood in the arrangement.

Sec. 7. The Finance Committee shall be five in number.

They shall disburse the funds of the Institution in accordance to any constitutional arrangements made by the Board, or as the Annual Conference may direct; they shall inquire into the state of the funds and disbursements occasionally, and act accordingly.

SEC. 8. The Agent shall solicit and collect funds for the Institution and be responsible to the Board for the faithful performance of his duty, under such regulation and restriction as may be made by the Board. All his remittances shall be made to the Secretary except authorized or permitted to remit to the Treasurer. Whenever the Board deems him unprofitable he shall be removed.

SEC. 9. No new elected officer shall enter upon the duties of his office until after the adjournment of the annual meeting, at which time all books and accounts must be rendered to the officers elect; nevertheless unavoidable inconveniences preventing it, the time may be extended, not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 10. Vacancies in the Board occurring during the interval, may be filled by a Council called by the President.

ARTICLE III.

The Board shall meet annually at such time and place as may be determined at the annual meeting. No special meeting shall be held except under circumstances involving the interest of the Institution, which can be determined in no other way. Two-thirds of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to do the business of such meeting. The members attending such meetings shall be entitled to their traveling expenses. Ordinary matters of importance, not detrimental to the Institution, requiring consideration, may be determined in a Council called by the President, or Finance Committee. A correct minute of all special meetings and Councils must be kept by the Secretary, or one appointed pro tem, subject to the approval of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Each Society under the jurisdiction of this Conference, shall take an active part in behalf of the fund, and form or become auxiliary to this Institution, by rendering all the aid they possibly can to forward the work according to the rules here laid down, and make remittance to the fund to the Secretary annually, or in the interval of the Conference.

Article V.

Each auxiliary shall choose their own officers, and form such rules for their regulation as necessity may require ; but to avoid in these rules any conflict with the general rules or constitution.

Article VI.

The following system is proposed to be observed for the formation of auxiliaries.

1. Wherever it is practicable a society shall be organized to make collection by subscription or otherwise for this purpose.

2. When societies can not be constituted, an auxiliary board of mission shall be formed in each congregation, viz :— three, five or seven, according to convenience, who shall act the same as a society.

3. Where this is impracticable the minister or preacher in charge shall select one of the laity as a Treasurer or Steward to hold all moneys collected for that purpose, and the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference shall keep an account of the receipts and remittances from time to time. Such accounts shall be subject to the control of the minister in charge.

Article VII.

Section 1. The method of procuring money for this fund shall be by voluntary contribution and subscription annually or monthly, or as the anxiliaries may by their rules determine. The agent is hereby restricted from collecting from the funds of auxiliaries except when authorized to do so by the Board.

Sec. 2. There shall be missionary meetings held in every congregation where it is practicable, at which time the minister in charge shall solicit the aid of some of the Conference brethren to take part in the exercises of those meetings. He shall be furnished with all matters of interest pertaining to the progress of the mission, by the Corresponding Secretary of the fund which shall always be read in those meetings, followed with remarks, addresses, or resolutions, as may be thought necessary.

Sec. 3. There shall be a collection taken up at the time, and subscriptions solicited which shall be collected at a future period anterior to the time of making remittances to the general fund, in such way as may be determined by the auxiliaries, or preacher in charge, where there are no auxiliaries.

Sec. 4. These missionary meetings shall be held between the first of August and the last of October.

Sec. 5. When or wherever this is not practicable, there shall be a discourse delivered once a year in behalf of the mission, a collection taken up for that purpose, and subscriptions solicited. There being no rule laid down for collecting subscriptions, each auxiliary shall adopt such methods as may meet their convenience.

Article VIII.

There shall be an annual missionary meeting held at the time and place where the Annual Conference sits, at which time a full report of the receipts, disbursements, progress and statistics of the mission shall be made, with such extracts of correspondence as may be interesting, accompanied with remarks, addresses, or such exercises as may be suitable to the occasion.

Article IX.

Section 1. All churches or congregations organized in mission are obligated to take an active part in the work of collecting funds for mission purposes, and to make remittance to the general fund, unless permitted to dispose of it otherwise by the Board or Conference.

Sec. 2. Remittance may be made at any time by them in the interval through the Corresponding Secretary, or annually at the Conference.

Article X.

Sec. 1. The Finances shall be appropriated as the Board may determine or the Conference may direct, provided always that it is not appropriated for any other purpose than authorized by the Constitution.

Sec. 2. All orders shall be drawn up by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, who shall affix his name thereto, and further, signed by the President and Secretary. The Treasurer shall pay out no money without such orders, except for such provision as may be made at an annual or special meeting, to supply emergency.

Article XI.

All expenditures not herein provided for or implied, shall be regulated by the Board at its annual meeting, which regulation shall be final if it does not conflict with the interest of the fund or determined otherwise by the Conference.

ARTICLE XII.

Any person may become a life-member of this Institution by paying the sum of $25.

ARTICLE XIII.

These rules may be revised whenever it is deemed expedient by the Board, by the consent of two-thirds of the New England Annual Conference members, for the good of the Institution; but by-laws not repugnant to the Constitution, may be adopted by the Board for their own government, or if deemed essential for the benefit of the Fund.